(b) the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) the locations of the proposed sugar factories State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) During Sugar year 1990-91 (i.e. from 1st October, 1990 onwards), 207 applications have been received till 31.7.1991 for setting up of new sugar factories. The State-wise details of the applications is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLX, Annexure No. 29]

The Licensing Policy for Sugar Industry is presently being reviewed by the Government. The pending applications, including the above, would be considered as per the policy formulated after the aforesaid review.

Construction of Railway Projects in Tamil Nadu

717. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tamil Nadu has recommended to the Union Government construction of some railways projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the State Government has also proposed to share the cost of construction of some Railway lines in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State Government of Tamil Nadu has, in the recent past, requested for the construction of following new rail projects—

(i) Palani to Chamrajnagar *via* Dharapur, Tiruppur and Sathyamanglam (145 kms.)

(ii) Hogenekkal to Tiruvannamalai *via* Dharampuri-Morappur, Harur and Theerthamalai (170 kms.).

Due to acute constraint of resources, it has not been found possible to consider any of the suggested lines for the present.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The State Government proposed to have a Corporation on the lines of Konkan Railway Corporation for expeditious completion of the pending projects in the State. The same could not be considered due to Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission not agreeing for similar Corporations in 8th Plan, while appprving the setting up of the Konkan Railway Corporation.

Construction of Railway Line from Murkongselek to Pasighat

718. SHRI MYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct Railway line from Murkongselek to Pasighat of Arunachal Pradesh under NEF, Railway Division; and

(b) if so, when the construction work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of ITO bridge

719. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a series of small temples are being put up on of Jamuna Bank facing Indraprastha Power House, near ITO bridge Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that during the last two years area is being expanded of and in one case a pucca structure on a bigger arc has been constructed;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether such structures would not be an obstacle to the expansion of ITO bridge for which foundation was laid recently; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) DDA has reported that one small temple, occupying an area of 15-20 Sq. Yds., has been constructed on the bank of river Yamuna facing Indraprastha power house near ITO bridge, Delhi. 3/4 idols of God have been kept around this temple subsequently.

(d) and (e) No report to the effect that the temple is obstructing the expansion of the bridge, has so far been received by the DDA from the Project Authority.

720. (*Transferred to 10th September,* 1991).

Shortage of Rakes

721. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have failed to move sufficient quantities of foodgrains in time from other States for supply to P.D.S. resulting in great hardships to flood affected people and the tribals people of Orissa in July, August, 1991;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of rakes with railways for such purposes; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard so that supply of foodgrains to flood affected States should not be delayed and held up in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Loading of foodgrains from Northern Railway by Food Corporation of India for supply of Public Distribution System in other States including Orissa has been adversely affected since the 3rd week of June, 1991 due to serious labour problems of Food Corporation of India. There is no shortage of rakes with the railways for loading of foodgrains.

Setting up of Steel Plant with Private Collaborator

722. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up any steel plants in the country with private collaboration during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Orissa has submitted any such proposal for a second steel plant to be set up in the State with private collaboration; and

(c) what are the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, M|s. Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Orissa Ltd. (IPICOL), a State Government Undertaking of Government of Orissa, submitted an application for a Letter of Intent for setting up of a 3 million tonne per annum steel plant at Sukinda Tehsil, District Cuttack, Orissa, in the joint sector. The proposal was under examination, but in view of the recent amendments in the licensing requirements, issue of LOI for industrial licence would not be necessary.